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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In late August 1955, the foundation walls of five large buildings in the Ziegelei Paetz area along the road from Koerbiskrug to Maerkisch Buchholz were only little above ground level, although construction work has been observed for a rather long time. It is thus believed that the buildings were provided with large air raid shelters. <sup>1</sup>
2. In late July, a former AAA barracks and an adjacent brick building at the perimeter of Schulzendorf (Koenigswusterhausen District) on the road to Miersdorf were occupied by about 150 soldiers of the Grenz-Polizei (Border Guard Police). <sup>2</sup>
3. In July, about 60 soldiers of the Grenzpolizei moved into a newly constructed building about 300 meters NE of the branch of Hamburger Strasse and some distance W of Schoenflieger Strasse in Glienecke (Nordbahn). The soldiers were equipped with small arms and had several watch dogs. <sup>2</sup>
4. In July, the Grenzkontrollkommando (border control detail) Schildow was transferred from Katharinensee to an installation on Schmalfuss Strasse in Schildow. <sup>2</sup>
5. In July, the Siemenssiedlung (settlement) between the border of East Staken and West Staaken was to be completely evacuated by civilians. The settlement which consisted of low wooden buildings only was located on Pinkenkruger Weg south of the railroad line to Albrechtshof. The installation was partially occupied by KVP's. <sup>2</sup>
6. In July, it was learned that a Grenzpolizei headquarters commanded by Major Hennig (fm) was stationed in Blumberg. The personnel wore green service color. Grenzpolizei units in Zepernick, Ahrensfelde and Lindenbergl and a training company in Blumberg were subordinate to this headquarters. The training company which numbered about 70 soldiers, not including training personnel, was to be transferred to an unknown place. In early August, the construction of foundations for three radio towers had begun. <sup>2</sup>

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7. In early September, about 120 Grenzpolizei soldiers commanded by Lieutenant Hoefler (fnu) were quartered at an installation on Grenztaler Strasse in Gardelegen. The soldiers probably belonged to a battalion headquarters which was superior to companies in Kunrau and Juebar. Major Lehmann (fnu) was political officer of the unit. 2
8. In early September, a Grenzpolizei headquarters was still stationed at Tannhof Villa in Perleberg. The planned construction of new quarters had not yet begun. The headquarters numbered about 100 men, including 30 to 40 officers. The Tannhof Villa was also used as officers' quarters, while NCO's and privates were quartered in the Landwirtschaftliche Schule (agricultural school). 2
9. In mid-September, the Panzer Kaserne in Eisenach was occupied by a Grenzpolizei unit of about 200 men commanded by Major Herrmann (fnu). The soldiers wore green collar patches. Close-order drill has been repeatedly observed in the barracks yard. 2
10. On 11 September, six buildings of the twelve of the Drachenberg Kaserne in Meiningen were occupied by soldiers who wore green collar patches. The unit was equipped with about 25 trucks, 30 motorcycles and 10 sedans. Driver-school practice has been repeatedly observed. 2
11. On 30 August, a combined field exercise was held by Soviet border guard units and Grenzpolizei units in the woods between Heldburg and Holzhausen. The troops were stationed in this area. 2
12. In late July, the installation at Dittrichshuette was more heavily occupied than previously. A tent camp which was occupied to capacity was said to be located on the newly constructed training ground between Schwarzburg and Blankenburg. The area between Dittrichshuette, Schwarzburg and Blankenburg was restricted. The troops probably received field training and did firing practice. Soldiers observed wore green collar patches. 2
13. In early August, a VP detail of 80 men was stationed in Effelder, while another VP detail of 60 men was billeted in Truckendorf. 2
14. On 12 September, the kaserne near the fork of the roads to Elsterberg and Syrau at Flaue airfield was occupied by Grenzpolizei. Field training of about 100 soldiers has been repeatedly observed on the airfield. 2
15. In mid-July, the Luederspark installation at 8 Pushkin Strasse in Goerlitz was occupied by a Grenzpolizei unit. 2

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16. In mid-July, a Grenzpolizei unit was stationed at the Kant Kaserne in Bautzen. The soldiers wore green collar patches. <sup>2</sup>
17. On 12 September, the quarters of the Transportpolizei (transportation police) on Gross-Berliner Damm in Berlin-Johannisthal were occupied by about 500 men. Soldiers were observed who wore silver-bordered blue collar patches. Most of the officers wore green shirts with a brown tie, some officers were seen wearing blue shirts with red tie. Close-order drill and athletics were observed at the nearby airfield. <sup>3</sup>
18. On 15 September, the Josephs Kaserne in Altenburg was still occupied by a Transportpolizei unit of about 70 men. <sup>4</sup>
19. On 21 September, the framework of three large buildings and of a long shed of the new Transportpolizei kaserne in Pasewalk was finished. The installation was located west of the road from Pasewalk to Viereck. <sup>5</sup>
1. Comment. The Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Grenzpolizei (HDVGP) (Main Administration of the German Border Guard Police) is stationed at Paetz. The construction of air raid shelters and other air-raid protective measures were previously reported.
2. Comment. Compared to previous information, no essential changes were observed. For information on the Grenzpolizei headquarters in Perleberg,
3. Comment. It is believed that VP-Abschnitt (section) (T) I Berlin is stationed in Berlin-Johannisthal.
4. Comment. A company of VP-Abschnitt (T) I Leipzig was previously listed in Altenburg. According to statements of deserters, the 14 VP-Abschnitt (T) headquarters were allegedly reduced to 8 headquarters in May 1955, a change which corresponded with the 8 railroad districts in the GDR. If the statements were correct, the company in Altenburg should belong to the VP-Abschnitt (T) (railroad district) Halle.
5. Comment. A company of VP-Abschnitt (T) Greifswald is believed to be stationed in Pasewalk. The buildings under construction, however, are apparently too large to quarter only a company.

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